CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	20121221_160236.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1700516.009
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Aotearoa New Zealand
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	02 October 2017
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	02 October 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is of a young girl. While it does not depict nudity or sexual activity, the way the image has been composed sexualises her body in an exploitative manner. The image at least tends to promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes and is therefore deemed to be objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as affirmed by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and reflects the concern of New Zealand society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.